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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR § 1.98, Applicant hereby submits information thought to be relevant to the examination of the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-1449.

Based on information and belief of the undersigned, the information submitted herewith is being submitted before the mailing of the first Office action.

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby

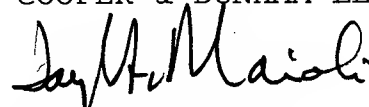
certify that, unless submitted herewith, no English language translation is presently available to those individuals identified in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) for any non-English language reference(s) cited.

U.S. Patent No. 5,883,621 (Iwamura) apparently relates to a device control with topology map in a digital network.

European Patent No. 0 899 655 (Koyama et al.) apparently relates to information communication apparatus, method and system.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if a fee is required for this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,
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